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## Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

PERRET ET AL.

Examiner

M. Safavi

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) M. Safavi.

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(2) D. Hahm.

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Date of Interview: 18 May 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 28, 41 and 47.

Identification of prior art discussed: Copple '330; Nista et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Hahm had indicated that a further explanation of how the original specification at page 3 serves to provide full support for "hollow and watertight tethers" which language had been objected to as presenting new matter within the instant disclosure. As for the rejections involving prior art, Examiner had stated that each of Copple '330 and Nista et al. are "operable to withstand a tension force to be generated between the tension leg platform and the sea bed".

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

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Examiner's signature, if required